

**Minutes of the Ponca Public Schools  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
August 16, 2021  
Posting Date: August 5, 2021**

The Board of Education of Dixon County School District 1 (also known as Ponca Public Schools) held a regular meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 in the Ponca Public Schools library at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ponca, Nebraska. The meeting was convened in open and public session and advance notice was publicly posted at the Bank of Dixon County, the Dixon County courthouse, the post office and the school house door, published in the Nebraska Journal Leader, and given to all members of the Board of Education.

Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice and a current copy of the agenda was kept continuously current and available for inspection at the office of the Superintendent of Schools. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

President Book called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., informed the public that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room, and led the salute to the flag. Roll was taken. Members present were Kenton Book, Monte Burki, Shawn Fethkenher, John Gill and Phil Kramper. Absent: Richard Dohma. Others present were Supt. Brendan Calahan, Principal Derek Lahm, Principal Bob Hayes, Kristie Hayes, Andy Stark, Secretary Lorrie Huston and 5 visitors.

Gill moved to approve the absence of Richard Dohma. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C. Dohma joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

There were no requests to speak before the Board.

Fethkenher moved to approve the consent agenda and Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U. The consent agenda included approval of the agenda; the minutes of the July 19, 2021 hearings and regular meeting; the treasurer's report showing a general fund balance of \$1,939,419.72, a depreciation fund balance of \$279,963.30, a bond fund balance of \$629,563.72, a special building fund balance of \$269,183.83, an employee benefit fund balance of \$8,272.82, an activity fund balance of \$226,075.49, and a school nutrition fund balance of \$57,470.25; general fund disbursements of \$63,379.00; credit card payments; and the August payroll report.

Superintendent Calahan, Principal Lahm, and Principal Hayes gave the administration reports. There were no board communications or committee reports.

Kramper moved to approve the open enrollment into the district of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader from Homer for the 2021-22 school year. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The resignation of Cathy Velez as Ponca Elementary para was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Burki. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Kramper moved to approve the hiring of Steve Brinkmann as an activity driver. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Gill moved to approve the hiring of Margarite Maeda as high school para. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve the hiring of Clint Merithew as a substitute teacher. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

No action was taken on the Midwest Alarm kitchen freezer monitoring bid.

The final reading of Policy #6212 was done. Kramper moved to approve and adopt Academic Content Standards Policy #6212. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Payment to MB Mowing in the amount of \$4081 for the monthly Sports Complex maintenance was approved on a motion by Dohma, second by Fethkenher. Voting Yea: Book, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. Abstaining (with conflict): Burki.

Kramper moved to approve the 3 year Rasmussen HVAC Preventative Maintenance Plan for Ponca Elementary. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Dohma moved to approve payment to NASB ALICAP in the amount of \$68,455 for worker's comp and liability insurance. Burki seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

Discussion items included possible replacement of the maroon van with a used vehicle, surveying staff for an October 15<sup>th</sup> early football game, football classifications, and the budget timeline.

At 8:20 p.m. Burki made a motion to enter into executive session for legal advice clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. Dohma seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

At 8:39 p.m. the session was declared over and Burki moved to resume the meeting in open session. Gill seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill and Kramper. M.C.U.

The budget hearing will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. with the tax request hearing and the regular board meeting to follow.

At 8:40 p.m., there being no further business, Dohma moved to adjourn the meeting. Fethkenher seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Book, Burki, Dohma, Fethkenher, Gill, and Kramper. M.C.U.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lorrie Huston, Board Secretary

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Kenton Book, President